Reservation for disabled persons in Delhi University

7211. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Academic Council of Delhi University has decided to allow three per cent reservation for disabled pernons in teaching positions; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme, the kinds of disabilities applicable to this scheme and what are the modalities for the implementation of the said scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi in pursuance of a decision dated the 23rd March, 1993 of the Academic Council a Committee was constituted to consider representation of disabled persons in teaching positions in the University and its colleges. This Committee in its report to the V.C., *inter alia* recommended that three per cent reservations meant for the disabled persons as per rules of the Government of India be made applicable to the teaching posts in the departmens and colleges of the University. The Academic Council, at its meeting held on 16.4.1994 accepted the recommendations of the aforesaid Committee and decided that modalities in this connection be worked out. These recommendations of the Academic Council have been approved by the Executive Council at its meeting held on 23.4.1994.

India's literacy rate in comparison to other developing countries

7212. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's present position in comparison to other developing countries till date as far as the literacy rate is concerned;

(b) the State/Union Territory in the country which is leading and the ones lagging behind in this regard; and

(c) what budgetary alocations have been made during the Eighth Five Year Plan perid so far and what central assistance has been earmarked for Rjasthan State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) According to UNESCO estimates, the adult literacy rate of India for age group 15 years and above is low as compared to some developing countries like China, Indonesia, Brazil, Iran, etc. but is higher as compared to some countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Sudan, etc.

(b) Kerala has the highest literacy rate among the States in the country. A statement showing State-wise literacy rate for the population aged 7 years and above as per 1991 census is attached. (*See* below)

(c) A total allocation of Rs. 1,400 crores has been allocated for the Eighth Plan for Adult Education. No State-wise allocations are made and funds are released according to the proposals received from each State. Rs. 12.86 crores have been released to Rajasthan for Adult Education Programme so far during the Eighth Plan period.